



Ipswich Sea Cadets (T.S. Orwell)

Commanding Officers Report

Introduction

The past year has been both busy and stable for Ipswich Sea Cadets. Our focus has remained on growth, consolidation, and providing high-quality opportunities for cadets, supported by a committed team of volunteers.

Cadet numbers have continued to increase, particularly within the Sea Cadet (12–18) section, despite natural turnover. The Junior Section remains steady, supported by a strong transition of juniors into the main Cadet body.

We have also seen encouraging growth within the staff team, with new volunteers joining and others progressing through training towards qualifications. This strengthens our capacity to deliver the wide-ranging programme expected of a Sea Cadet unit.

Cadet and Staff Numbers

- **Cadets** (total): 26 (This is up on last year)
 - 8 Junior Cadets (all regularly attending)
 - 18 Sea Cadets (2 of whom are long-term sick)
 - 7 new entry cadets will complete induction by October, bringing total numbers to 33 — bringing the ships company back to pre-Covid levels.
- **Staff**: 14 (an increase of 6 over the year). Recruitment continues, particularly for an Admin Officer and additional volunteers to assist with communications and social media.

Retention remains strong, with one cadet progressing into the Royal Navy and two others exploring opportunities to remain within the Corps as adult volunteers.



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Communications & Engagement

The launch of our newsletter, “**The Sea Cadet Compass**”, was well received by parents. While originally planned as a quarterly publication, practical constraints mean we now aim for at least two issues per year. Feedback remains positive, and it has proved a useful tool for engagement.

Our increased presence in the local community and visibility through public events has also supported recruitment, with some cadets joining as a direct result of peer-to-peer recommendations.

Facilities and Infrastructure

The unit buildings show signs of age, but remain functional thanks to regular maintenance and working parties. Notable concerns include:

- Entrance flooring
- Fascia of the admin building
- External gloss paintwork

Addressing these will be a priority in the coming year to ensure the unit remains watertight, secure, and welcoming.

Boats and Waterborne Training

2025 marked the first full year of operations with the pontoon, which has been a significant success. Excellent weather and inter-unit collaboration enabled cadets to achieve additional and advanced qualifications in sailing, paddlesports, and powerboating.

Boat status:

- Trinity Rowing Boats: One requires decommissioning (cracked hull/thwart) and should be written off, leaving two serviceable. Replacement cost for a third is approx. £7,500.
- Kayaks and Paddleboards: Replacement and expansion needed (approx. £5,000).
- Dory Outboard: Current two-stroke engine is unreliable and beyond service life. Replacement with a four-stroke engine is recommended (approx. £1,500).



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These acquisitions should form the basis of targeted fundraising and grant applications starting now so that the growing number of cadets can benefit during 2026.

Training and Achievements

- **Cadet Training:** Progression through qualifications has been strong, with several cadets achieving rate advancements. Boating hours have been particularly high.
- **Staff Training:** New appointments include a Boats Officer, with others undertaking stores, admin, and instructor training.
- **Courses and Awards:**
 - Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze to Silver progression)
 - CVQO qualifications
 - Three cadets attended offshore voyages (two further opportunities cancelled due to ship availability)
- **Events:** UMA and URV assessments were completed satisfactorily, though further work is required to consistently meet standards.

The unit did not offer a summer camp due to instructor availability and low cadet demand, but an autumn boating weekend has been planned.

A Unit Regeneration Plan, agreed with the Chair, will provide a framework for continuous improvement in training delivery going forward.

This is also Ipswich's year to host the annual district Trafalgar day parade on 26th October 2025, this needs the support of all the UMT, Staff and parents and we need to plan the communications in the coming days.

Looking Ahead – 2026 Priorities

Facilities:

- External paintwork and fascia repair
- Replacement of valances around building base
- Continued maintenance of pontoon



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Cadet Training:

- Greater focus on engineering, peer education, piping, and marksmanship training, though limited local provision remains a challenge.
- Strengthen promotion of offshore voyages, including parent information sessions to encourage participation.
- Expansion of Duke of Edinburgh recruitment and support for existing award candidates. We also now house the District AT (camping) equipment, as we are the most active unit in this area of training.

Staff Development:

- Planned courses include: Power Safety Boat, Powerboat Level 2, FRST / Paddlesport Instructor, Paddle Leader/Coach, PO MAST courses, and First Aid renewals.

These will ensure the staff team remains qualified and able to deliver a diverse programme.

Conclusion

2025 has been a year of consolidation and growth for Ipswich Sea Cadets, placing us now as the second largest (by cadet numbers) Sea Cadet unit in the district, behind Beccles. With increasing cadet numbers, a growing staff team, and strong engagement with our community, the foundations are in place for further progress.

There remain challenges – particularly around facilities, equipment replacement, and expanding the breadth of training – but with the dedication of our volunteers and the enthusiasm of our cadets, I am confident we will continue to thrive.

Ipswich Sea Cadets remains committed to delivering high-quality training, adventure, and personal development for young people in our community.

PO(SCC) Adrian Chambers MIET
Officer in Charge
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Treasurers Report

As you can see from the figures, as a small charity (because that is what we are, we come under the governance of the Sea Cadets but we have to find the funding ourselves) we are not in too dire a situation. The majority of ongoing funding comes from subs. From that we have to pay our bills, we pay electric, rates, internet the same as everyone else. Our pricier expenses tend to be mini-bus hire and fuel, as well as the boats. In June this year, the routine annual service of our RHIB cost almost £900.

We do not have as much money as we did 5 years ago, that is deliberate. It was felt that we should be spending money on today's cadets, whilst maintaining a balance for tomorrow's cadets. That decision led to the purchase of some expensive items such as paddleboards, a half pontoon and new IT equipment. The Money we have now needs to remain as constant as we can keep it.

The deficit for last year was just shy of £30,000 which looks very alarming, especially when compared to a 'profit' of £19,000 the year before. But this is not really representative, as we now have a very shiny lump of floating wood out there. This last year saw the culmination of an amazing fundraising effort, which was started by the Cadets carrying out a 24-hour row, on what was a very cold and wet Summer's night in 2023. The work continued with some sterling efforts by the Pontoon Group, formed of Parents and friends. I can not thank that group enough. They worked so, so hard doing everything from applying for Grants to using threats and menaces to get local business to help us out and provide services for free. Two Cadets went to a Council meeting to pitch for a grant. They spoke brilliantly but the committee voted against the grant as they felt there was no way the total funds could be raised. It was with much smugness that I was back in front of the same committee a few months later reminding them they had previously turned us down, but as we were now just a couple of thousand short, could we have what was left in their pot – which they gave us. I will say it again, I cannot thank the Pontoon Group enough, if it had not been for their unwavering dedication – that Pontoon would not be out there now. If you are wondering..... it cost just over £50,000

Our next major project is to try and replace this building. A lot of work has gone on to increase our lease period with ABP, which was needed before we could even start thinking of moving ahead. So, if anyone wants to get involved with the fundraising push for this, it would be superb if we could get a group together again. Please have a think about if it is something that you would be willing and able to help us out with.



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We would like to thank Cllr Sam Murray, who has awarded the Unit a grant of £1000 for the cost of a Defibrillator, which will be kept at the Unit.

Our outgoings are climbing rapidly. We have had many long conversations at UMT meetings about how we can offset some of our costs, without affecting the Cadets experience. To that end we have made the difficult decision that we will need to raise the subs per Cadet by £2.50 a month, This will bring the monthly subs up to £27.50 for Senior Cadets and £17.50 for Juniors. It is not an increase that we have brought in lightly. A rise in Subs has been discussed since COVID, and we have managed to hold off until now, unfortunately we can hold off no more. The increase will take effect from January.

We have never asked for a contribution towards Uniforms. As a Unit we have to pay for badges and cap tallies, as well as cleaning / repair costs when a Uniform is returned. To give an example, a TS ORWELL cap tally alone costs £3.50. Going forward, all new Cadets joining from now will be asked for a £20 payment towards Uniforms – Most Units charge this, and most charge more. This will cover the duration of Cadets time here. It will not be asked for until the Cadet has moved out of their trial period. The good news for you all today is that it does not affect any cadets currently on the books, but if parents and guardians wish to keep the uniform once the cadet leaves, we will request a £20 donation.

8 Cadets recently attended a Paddleboarding course at Beccles. The course was on a Saturday and Sunday and as well as paying for the course (£8.50) we asked for a voluntary donation to cover minibus and fuel costs. For the two days in this case that was £12.00 per cadet – This is something we will continue to do to offset quite a major expense for the Unit. We hope that you understand our reasons.

Shaun Sams

Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Ipswich Unit 195 of the Sea Cadet Corps

No. (if any)

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-24	To	Period end date 31-Mar-25
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Section A Receipts and payments

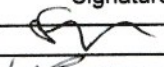

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	24,370	-	-	24,370	24,463
Donations	760	-	-	760	1,190
Vol Subscriptions	3,540	-	-	3,540	4,515
Summer Camp	-	-	-	-	705
Interest	475	-	-	475	400
MSSC	140	-	-	140	297
Supplier Refunds	231	-	-	231	155
Standeasy Sales	775	-	-	775	462
Courses	20	-	-	20	150
MSSC BACS (Parent Travel cost)	174	-	-	174	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,485	-	-	30,485	32,337
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,485	-	-	30,485	32,337
A3 Payments					
Utilities	2,730			2,730	1,938
Site maintenance	810			810	1,625
Insurance	1,391			1,391	1,281
Mini-Bus Hire	152			152	1,852
Summer Camp	-			-	951
Phone/ Broadband	330			330	446
Standeasy stock	479			479	483
Boats	525			525	2,043
Competitions/trophies	185			185	210
Business Rates	496			496	465
Promotion Material	-			-	319
Fuel Costs	300			300	744
Admin Costs	608			608	33
Ceremonial	355			355	192
Uniform	409			409	146
Training	158			158	96
Courses	477			477	
Cadet Christmas	176			176	
Sub total	9,581	-	-	9,581	12,824
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Displacement Boat		-	-	-	1,000
Pontoon	50,680	-	-	50,680	

Sub total	50,680	-	-	50,680	1,000
Total payments	60,261	-	-	60,261	13,824
Net of receipts/(payments)	29,776	-	-	29,776	18,513
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	46,748	-	-	46,748	28,235
Cash funds this year end	16,972	-	-	16,972	46,748

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	5,656	-	-
	Building Society	11,293	-	-
	Cash	23	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,972	-	-
	account(s)			
		Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which	Cost (optional)	Current value
	Unit Portacabin	Unrestricted	-	-
	Boat Shed	Unrestricted	-	-
	Displacement Boats x 2	Unrestricted	-	-
	RHIB x 1	Unrestricted	-	-
	Outboard Engines x 2	Unrestricted	-	-
	Boat Trailers x 4	Unrestricted	-	-
	Paddleboards / Kyacks	Unrestricted	-	-
	Band Instruments	Unrestricted	-	-
	Office & Classroom equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	IT Equipmenmt	Unrestricted	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SHAWN SAM'S	11-Sep-25
	LYNSAY MOFFAT	11-Sep-25

IPSWICH SEA CADETS UNIT 195

Registered Charity No. 304775


Income & Expenditure Account 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025

	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19
Fixed Assets							
HQ Buildings (yr 10 of 10)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Computers (0 NBV)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Current Assets							
P&SA Account including Standeasay	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 855.94	£ 855.88
Standeasay cash in hand	£ 23.45	£ 23.45	£ 23.45	£ 23.45	£ 23.45	£ 23.45	£ 23.45
General Accounts	£ 16,949.60	£ 46,487.46	£ 27,974.90	£ 30,485.54	£ 30,227.68	£ 25,074.45	£ 25,781.44
Unit Petty Cash	£ -	£ 236.64	£ 236.64	£ 236.64	£ 150.00	£ 150.00	£ 200.00
Total Assets	£ 16,973.05	£ 46,747.55	£ 28,234.99	£ 30,745.63	£ 31,257.07	£ 26,103.78	£ 26,676.43
Current Liabilities							
Standeasay	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
P&SA(Uncashed cheques)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
General Accounts(Uncashed Cheques)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 158.41	£ -
Total Liabilities	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 158.41	£ -
Net Assets	£ 16,973.05	£ 46,747.55	£ 28,234.99	£ 30,745.63	£ 31,415.48	£ 25,945.37	£ 23,534.56
Represented by:-							
Accumulated funds B/F	£ 46,747.55	£ 28,234.99	£ 30,745.61	£ 31,257.07	£ 25,945.37	£ 26,676.43	£ 23,534.56
Depreciation of HQ Buildings	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Income(expenditure)	(£29,774.50)	£ 18,512.56	(£2,510.64)	(£511.46)	£5,311.70	(£731.06)	£3,141.87
Depreciation of Computers	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Correction	0	0	0.02	0	0	0	0
Accumulated Funds C/F	£ 16,973.05	£ 46,747.55	£ 28,234.99	£ 30,745.61	£ 31,257.07	£ 25,945.37	£ 26,676.43

Certificate

We have examined the foregoing accounts and statements as at 31 March 2025 with the books and vouchers, and have obtained all the information and explanations required. In our opinion the statement of balances and accounts are properly drawn up to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position as shown by the books of the Ipswich Sea Cadet Unit.

Chair Mr William Felgate

Signed 
Date 11 Sept 2025

Treasurer Mr Shaun Sams

Signed 
Date 11 Sept 25

Unit CO PO Adrian Chambers

Signed 
Date 11 Sept 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
IPSWICH UNIT 195 OF THE SEA CADET CORPS

**On accounts for the year
ended**

2025	Charity no (if any)	304775
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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: 

Date: 23/9/2025

Name: Clive Bury

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

MAAT

Address:

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Felixstowe
Suffolk IP11 9HE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

